



STATE OF LOUISIANA
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May 31, 1996

Mr. Oscar P. Barnes, III
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RE: Ethics Commission Docket No. 96-131

Dear Mr. Barnes:

At its May 29, 1996 meeting, the Commission on Ethics for Public Employees considered your request for an advisory opinion concerning the propriety of Mr. Lavelle Singleton continuing to perform "bush-hogging" services for the City of Ruston. You stated that Mr. Singleton is the plant superintendent of the Electric Power Supply Division of the city's utility department. The information you provided indicated that bush-hogging work is necessary for electric, water, and sewer right-of-ways and other city property.

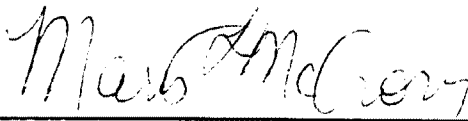
The Commission concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that based on its assumption that Mr. Singleton is assigned to a particular plant and has no supervision and jurisdiction as to grass cutting or bush-hogging done on city right-of-ways and areas other than his particular plant, Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Mr. Singleton from performing bush-hogging services at his plant location.

The Code would not prohibit Mr. Singleton from performing bush-hogging services at areas other than the plant to which he is assigned.

Please advise the Commission immediately if its understanding as to Mr. Singleton's responsibilities is incorrect. If you have any other questions, please call me at (504) 922-1400.

Sincerely,

COMMISSION ON ETHICS
FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES



Maris LeBlanc McCrory
For the Commission

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